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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 11 PAGES

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISC. -  
INFORMATION CONCERNING, OO- DALLAS

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED SA JOHN  
WILLIAM MILLER, INSTANT DATE, BY CAPTAIN ROY ALLEMOND  
OF THE NEW ORLEANS HARBOR POLICE, DEPT., CONCERNING A  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CAPTAIN ALLEMOND AND

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH OCCURRED  
ON JULY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYSEVEN;

CAPTAIN ALLEMOND STATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE STATED THAT AFTER DISCUSSING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] THEN  
VOLUNTARILY BEGAN TALKING ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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THE GARRISON PROBE.

HE STATED THAT GARRISON FIRST BECAME INTERESTED  
IN THE ASSASSINATION WHENEVER INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED  
TO HIM BY AN ATTORNEY (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) COPELAND  
(PHONETIC) IN WHICH COPELAND WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN TOLD  
BY GRAND JURY WITNESS JACK S. MARTIN, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED  
WITH GUY BANNISTER, NEW ORLEANS PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR,  
THAT DAVID FERRIE, DECEASED AIRLINES PILOT, WAS INVOLVED  
IN A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY. HE ADVISED  
THAT GARRISON, AFTER HEARING THIS, INITIATED HIS INVESTIGATION.

GARRISON THEN PURSUED HIS INVESTIGATION INTO ALL  
TYPES OF WILD CONJECTURES FURNISHED BY VARIOUS AUTHORS  
CRITICAL OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RELATED THAT CONCERNING  
SA REGIS L. KENNEDY'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND  
JURY IN NEW ORLEANS, THAT UP UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT  
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NOMENCLATURE OF AN ASSASSINATION  
CABAL

by

WILLIAM TORBITT



## STATE OF TEXAS

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NO

1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>David Goddard Copeland</b>			2. SEX <b>Male</b>	3. DATE OF DEATH <b>May 24, 1981</b>	
4. RACE <b>White</b>	5a. WAS THE DECEDENT OF SPANISH ORIGIN? <b>No</b>	5b. IF YES, SPECIFY MEXICAN, CUBAN, PUERTO RICAN, ETC.	6. DATE OF BIRTH <b>4-15-1921</b>	7. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>60</b>	IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days IF UNDER 24 HRS Hours Minutes
8a. PLACE OF DEATH — COUNTY <b>McLennan</b>		8b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Waco</b>		8c. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Hillcrest Hospital</b>	
9. MARRIED NEVER MARRIED WIDOWED DIVORCED (Specify) <b>Divorced</b>		10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Waco, Texas</b>	11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U.S.A.</b>	12. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? <b>Yes</b>	13. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) <b>None</b>
14. SOCIAL SECURITY NO <b>455-16-4487</b>		15a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Attorney</b>		15b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Law</b>	
16a. RESIDENCE — STATE <b>Texas</b>	16b. COUNTY <b>McLennan</b>	16c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, show rural) <b>Waco</b>	16d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>517 Richland</b>		16e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <b>Yes</b>
17. FATHER'S NAME <b>James P. Copeland</b>		18. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Sallie Goddard</b>		19. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT <i>Raymond M. Matka</i>	
CAUSE OF DEATH PART I Conditions, if any, which gave rise to immediate cause stating the underlying cause last	20. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), (c)) <i>Cancer of colon @ metastasis (Post-operative ileus)</i>				Interval between onset and death <i>2 months</i>
	(a) DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF				Interval between onset and death
	(b) DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF				Interval between onset and death
	(c)				Interval between onset and death
PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS — CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a)					21. AUTOPSY? <b>No</b>
22a. ACC. SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, UNDET. OR PENDING INVEST (Specify)		22b. DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.)	22c. HOUR OF INJURY	22d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED	
22e. INJURY AT WORK (Specify yes or no)		22f. PLACE OF INJURY — At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)		22g. LOCATION STREET OR R.F.D. NO CITY OR TOWN STATE	
CERTIFIER To be completed by CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN only	23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) stated (Signature and Title) <i>Phillip H. Ross, M.D.</i>				To be completed by MEDICAL EXAMINER or CORONER only
	23b. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) <i>5-28-81</i>		23c. HOUR OF DEATH <i>10:55 A.</i>		
	23d. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN (Type or print) <b>Phillip H. Ross, M.D.</b>				
	23e. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Waco Memorial Park</b>				
24a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) stated (Signature and Title) <i>Margaret Scott</i>		24b. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.)		24c. HOUR OF DEATH	
24d. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Year) <b>ON</b>		24e. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour) <b>AT</b>			
25a. BURIAL CREMATION REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>		25b. DATE <b>May 26, 1981</b>		25c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Waco Memorial Park</b>	
25d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) <b>Waco Texas</b>		26. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH <i>Wilkerson-Hatch Funeral Home, Incorporated</i>			
27a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO <b>582</b>		27b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>MAY 29 1981</b>		27c. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <i>Margaret Scott</i>	

Date

Registrar, City of Waco

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I hereby certify that this is a photographic copy of the record which appears in the records of the City of Waco if the City of Waco Health Department seal is impressed. This copy is issued in accordance with Rule 54A, Article 4477, Vernon's Civil Statutes.

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CH for Commission Hearings, the volume numbers in Roman numerals and the page numbers in Arabic. e.g., CH XV, 315.



## About

the Author, William Torbitt

The author is a lawyer in the southwestern part of the United States with twenty years trial experience. For two years, he served as a prosecuting attorney in criminal cases during 1949, 1950 and part of 1951. He has engaged in both civil and criminal practices and is licensed in all state and federal courts in his areas and the court of tax appeals.

The author is a typically conservative and successful attorney belonging to the American Trial Lawyers Association, all of his area bar associations, Kiwanis and local civic clubs. He is a family man and is highly respected in the courts before which he practices. He is not critical of the Warren Commission or of any other national agency in connection with the assassination.

The author has participated in cases in the southwest where professional Mexican assassins have been used to commit political murder. He has also participated in the trial of cases in the southwest involving gunrunning activities through Mexico to Cuba, both before Castro was successful and after Castro succeeded and became the subject of overthrow by gunrunners from the southwest.

Close relatives of the gambling syndicate members have used the legal services of Torbitt in complicated cases involving tracing of financial dealings of organized crime in Texas and their foreign connecting links.

More important, William Torbitt has been a member of the strong supporters of Lyndon Johnson since 1948. He supported John Connally in the gubernatorial race of 1962 and earlier was closely associated in the successful congressional race of Lloyd Bentsen in the Texas Valley adjacent to the Mexican border. Torbitt was also a key political backer of Texas Governor, Allen Shivers.

The author remained close to the conservative Connally.- Johnson political organization and was personally acquainted with most of the people he writes about until he left them in 1963.

Torbitt remains active in Texas Valley - Mexico border politics but at a subdued pace. During his term as prosecutor, he was deeply involved in the investigations and prosecutions of the gambling syndicate and Mafia operations in Texas.

Except for five years foreign service in the U. S. Navy during World War II, Torbitt is a life long resident of Texas. He holds his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

The author says "The Fascist cabal who assassinated John Kennedy planned to lay the blame on honest right-wing conservatives



if their first ploy, to lay the blame on Oswald and the Communists was not bought."

The author set out in this work simply to analyze, bring together and present his personal knowledge and the evidence which has been gathered by the Warren Commission, Jim Garrison and all other investigative agencies connected with the case. As is the office of a lawyer, he makes legal deductions from the evidence gathered but consistently refuses to speculate on the evidence even when some speculation is warranted. He says that speculation is a close kin to rumor and, consequently, he resorts only to those legal deductions which courts allow a lawyer to make from the court approved and documented evidence.

This work is an enlargement of a working paper furnished to Torbitt by two agents - one with the Customs Department and the other with the Narcotics Bureau. For obvious reasons, their identities must be protected, but the author gives highest credit to the investigative work of the two well informed officers.

The author especially credits the working paper of the two agents with revealing the heretofore highly secret Defense Industrial Security Command and its intelligence assignments on behalf of the munitions and aerospace manufacturers.

The fascistic totalitarian secret police agency is even stronger and more devious in 1970 and threatens our democracy, he says.